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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 0649

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: CGEN SHUM PFOR LA AS US  
SUBJECT: CONSULAR ACCESS TO FOREIGN PRISONERS

1. WESTERN EMBASSIES WITH CITIZENS UNDER LPDR DETENTION  
FIND IT DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN CONSULAR ACCESS.

2. AN AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN WAS ARRESTED ABOUT MARCH 15  
AND IS BELIEVED TO BE HELD IN THE HIGH SECURITY SAM  
KHE PRISON, ACCORDING TO AUSTRALIAN CONSUL. AUSTRALIAN  
CONSUL TOLD EMBOFF MARCH 28 THAT HE HAD NOT YET BEEN  
GIVEN CONSULAR ACCESS OR BEEN BRIEFED ON CHARGES  
AGAINST THE PRISONER. DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY SOURCES,  
WHICH ARE NEVER AT A LOSS FOR RUMORS, SAID THE  
AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN WAS A DRUG ADDICT WHO GOT INTO A  
LOUD ARGUMENT WITH A GROUP OF LPLA SOLDIERS.

3. A BRITISH CITIZEN WHO IS A LONGTIME VIENTIANE  
RESIDENT AND WELL KNOWN ALCOHOLIC WAS ARRESTED MARCH  
25, ACCORDING TO BRITISH CONSUL. BRITISH CONSUL TOLD  
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EMBOFF THAT HE LOCATED JAILED SUBJECT HAPPILY DOWNING  
A HEARTY MEAL AND A BOTTLE OF LAO WHISKY IN A MODERN  
APARTMENT BUILDING WHICH HE UNDERSTOOD TO BE THE HEAD-  
QUARTERS OF THE "HOTEL POLICE". THE "OVER-PROTECTIVE"  
POLICE, HOWEVER, GRANTED BRITISH CONSUL ONLY ONE  
MINUTE OF ACCESS AND EVEN THEN ONLY AFTER MUCH  
DISCUSSION. BRITISH CONSUL COMPLAINED THAT HE WAS

GETTING EVEN LESS COOPERATION FROM THE MINISTRY OF  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN OBTAINING CONSULAR ACCESS. IN THE  
BRIEF MEETING, HOWEVER, THE PRISONER EXPLAINED THAT HE  
WAS SUFFERING FROM HALLUCINATIONS AND WAS ARRESTED  
AFTER HE SUDDENLY BOLTED FROM A HOTEL BAR AND GALLOPED  
AT FULL SPEED DOWN THE SLEEPY LANES OF VIENTIANE.

4. WE HAVE NO REPORTS OF ANY UNITED STATES CITIZENS  
IN JAIL AT PRESENT.

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